

2008/2009 LUNAFEST Film Winners



BIG GIRL: (16:00) Playfully competing with Mom's new boyfriend, nine-year-old Josephine learns that letting people in can lead to wonderful things.

Director: Renuka Jeyapalan, Toronto, Canada

Screenings: San Francisco International Film Festival; Taipei Film Festival—Taiwan; Tribeca Film Festival--NY; Vancouver International Film Festival

FIM DE SEMANA (WEEKEND): (8:30) A country house. A weekend. A family. Time goes by. Silence prevails.

Director: Claudia Varejao, Lisbon, Portugal

Screenings: Cinesul –Ibero-American de Cinema and Video Festival-- Brazil; Femina Festival--Brazil; Festival Paris Cinéma; Slamdance Film Festival-- UT



SARAH IN THE DARK: (11:00) The little voice in Sarah's head has been let loose for too long.

Director: Jennifer Halley, Vancouver, Canada

Screenings: Baltimore Women's Film Festival; Stamford Short Film Festival--CT; Winnipeg International Film Festival

RED WEDNESDAY: (11:30) Nine-year-old Sholeh attempts to revive her ailing mother with a Zoroastrian fire celebration.

Director: Nazanin Shirazi, Austin, TX

Screenings: Avignon Film Festival—France; Breckenridge Film Festival—CO; International Film Festival South Africa; Student Academy Award Nominee



GRAPPLING GIRLS: (12:30) Ladies are making their way into one of the world's oldest sports -- and even taking on the guys.

Director: Lisa Blackstone, Minneapolis, MN

Screenings: World Premiere

34x25x36: (8:00) A tour of the Patina V Mannequin Factory in the City of Industry, outside of LA.

Director: Jesse Erica Epstein, New York, NY

Screenings: Full Frame Documentary Film Festival--NC; South By Southwest--TX; The True/False Documentary Festival--MO; YouTube Rooftop Film Series--NY



KADEN: (7:30) A transgender individual prepares for reconstructive surgery and reflects on what is left behind and what the future holds.

Director: Harriet Storm, Berkeley, CA

Screenings: Canadian Film Centre Worldwide Short Film Festival; Miami Gay and Lesbian Film Festival; Palm Springs International Festival of Short Films

MY FIRST CRUSH: (4:00) A playful animation about awkward moments and young romance.

Director: Julia Pott, London, England

Screenings: Amsterdam International Film Festival; British Animation Awards; South by Southwest Film Festival-- TX; Youtube Short Film of the Year



THE LADIES: (12:00) Sisters Vali and Mimi reflect on their craft, the importance of family and their creative spirits.

Director: Christina Alexandra Voros, Brooklyn, NY

Screenings: Chicago International Film Festival; Gen Art Film Festival -- Chicago); Seattle International Film Festival; Slamdance Film Festival—UT; South by Southwest, Student Academy Award Nominee; Woodstock Film Festival--NY

KUNA NI NANANG (MY MOTHER SAID): (5:00) Elena Bautista reflects on her 100 years of life.

Director: Jessica Sison, San Francisco, CA

Screenings: Athens International Film & Video Festival-- OH; The Inigo Film Festival – Sydney, Australia; Tribeca Film Festival-- NY; Women in Film Festival – Vancouver, BC

